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1. PRAVDA MAY 24 REPORTS PRESIDENT NIXON'S MEETING WITH PONOMAREV AND ACCOMPANYING SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS. IT INDICATES THAT PONOMAREV AND DOBRYNIN MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT AT END OF MEETING, BUT DOES NOT MENTION PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV WHICH WESTERN PRESS SAYS PONOMAREV CONVEYED. PRAVDA ALSO QUOTES WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN WARREN AS SAYING PRESIDENT LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING PONOMAREV AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO STEPS TAKEN IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AS RESULT OF TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS.

2. IZVESTIA MAY 23 STORY ON PONOMAREV DELEGATION FROM ITS OWN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS EXPLAINS FULBRIGHT'S ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGN DEMANDS AND GIVES HIM CREDIT AS ONE OF FIRST SENATORS TO OPPOSE

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COLD-WAR CONFRONTATION. LIKE PRAVDA PIECE SAME DATE

(REFTEL), IT TAKES OPTIMISTIC SLANT ON JACKSON
AMENDMENT, WHICH IT SAYS MANY SENATORS NOW CONSIDER
"MILLSTONE AROUND THEIR NECKS." IT SAYS MAJOR CON-
TRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY VISIT IS TO OFFSET
"DISINFORMATION" ABOUT USSR, AND COMPLAINS THAT THERE
HAS BEEN ALMOST COMPLETE SILENCE ABOUT VISIT IN
WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES.
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